

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2026 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

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☐ = Pastor ☐ = Lector [reader] ☐ = Congregation
ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of Holy Communion.
The prelude is the beginning of the worship service.*

Please refrain from loud conversations while the prelude music is playing.

PRELUDE *Left It In The River, Wedgeworth, MacDonald, Gamble* *Charlotte Pointek*

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

☐ **Amen.**

☐ Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☐ Compassionate God,

☐ **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

☐ Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

☐ **Amen.**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE *We share a sign of God's peace.*

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☐ **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* *ELW Hymn 461*

Please use either the red hymnal in the pew rack or the LED projection screens for the music and words.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☐ **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *You Are Holy* *ELW Hymn 525*

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand.

You are always at hand.

**Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.**

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

READING Isaiah 55:1-5 *read responsively*

see insert page 5

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW Hymn 172

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

see insert page 5

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY Bread Now the Bread of Life

ELW Hymn 515

OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES CREED

P Let us profess our baptismal faith together.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Merciful God," please respond, "Receive our prayer." The prayers are ended with these words, "Receive our prayers ... in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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We now dedicate the financial gifts we offer to the Lord and the Lord's agenda, gifts either already given online, or before or after the service in the offering box. Likewise, we prayerfully consider the ways we offer ourselves to God's kingdom throughout the whole week.



MUSICAL OFFERING You Say, Lauren Daigle

Taylor Schulz

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW Hymn 885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C 1. Holy, holy, holy holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

2. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

—TFBF Hymn 32

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!
Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles. You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine, or you may choose a packaged cup with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer.
Please indicate to the ushers if you need to have communion brought to you.*

COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God*

TFBF Hymn 35

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

ELW Hymn 484

- Ref.** You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*
- 2 With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*
- 4 The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*
- 5 You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *Refrain*

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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
C Amen.

BLESSING

- P** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises* *ELW Hymn 535*
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SENDING

- P** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news
and invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Betty Schmidt

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Jaycine Lester, Betty Schmidt, Shelly Jones
(11:00) Ethan Miller, Patrick Bauer, April Peterson

Lector: (8:30) Tom Rehak (11:00) Mary Jeffrey

Tech Team: (8:30) Chris Gritti, Davida Kilgore (11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton, Joni Siepert, Brad Milburn

Ushers: (8:30) Buddy Troy, John Miller (11:00) Ethan Miller, Paul Talbott

This week's altar flowers are given by Art and Carol Gundersen in honor of Art's birthday and Art & Carol's wedding anniversary.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, August 2

READING Isaiah 55:1-5

☐ We read the lesson responsively.

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

² **Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread**

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ **Incline your ear, and come to me;**

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ **See, I made him a witness to the peoples,**

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

☐ Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**